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For: LUBRICANT COMPOSITION, SPEED  
REDUCTION GEAR USING THE SAME, AND  
ELECTRIC POWER STEERING APPARATUS  
USING THE SAME

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37 CFR § 1.97(e)

September 5, 2008

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is an information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted in compliance with the timing requirements of 37 CFR § 1.97(d), i.e., after the mailing date of a Notice of Allowance, but before payment of the Issue Fee.

Attached is a copy of a German patent document, which was first cited in the attached European Search Report, dated July 22, 2008, which was issued in connection with the corresponding European patent application No. 03798480.4. Also attached is an English-language abstract of the German patent document from which any relevance of the document can be gleaned. The document is listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Also listed for consideration on the Form PTO-1449 is a U.S. patent, which was also cited in the European Search Report. Any relevance of this US patent is self-evident.

It is hereby certified that each item of information contained in this IDS was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in connection with a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

A credit card payment form PTO-2038 in the amount of the requisite fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p) also is enclosed. Should the remittance be accidentally missing or insufficient, the Director is hereby authorized to charge the fee to our deposit account No. 18-0002.

Consideration of the listed documents is respectfully requested.

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